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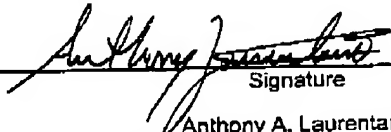
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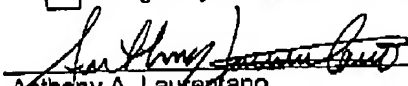
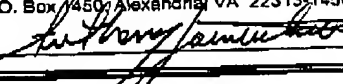
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 22, 2005, please replace the amendment section of the response filed on November 9, 2005 with the following Amendments to the Claims section:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.